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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence  
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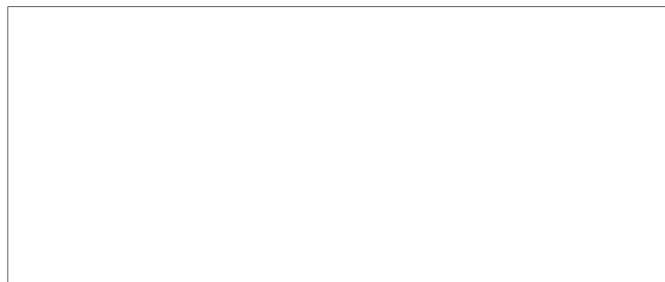
SUBJECT : Intelligence Requirements to Support DoD Program Decisionmaking

1. On 7 October 1982 I advised you that we were working with the Army Deputy Chief of Staff for Research, Development and Acquisition (DCSRDA) to develop an improved system for identifying intelligence requirements to support DoD decisions regarding development and purchases of major weapons systems. The Army Chief of Staff has long complained that the essential intelligence was not on hand when he was obliged to make major programmatic and budgetary decisions involving investments of millions of dollars. To overcome this problem we are looking to the Research and Development community to identify the likely dates when such decisions are to be made for the various systems now contemplated and the types of decisions and the intelligence which will be required.

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2. Army DCSRDA has identified two future weapons systems and two areas of tactical concern as pilot models for which we hope to refine advance intelligence requirements and to establish deadlines for related technical collection, assessment and production. The selected systems and areas of concern are:

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
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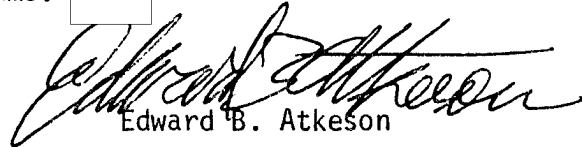
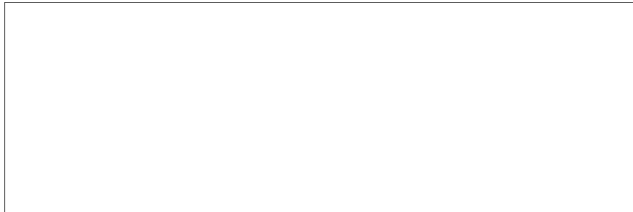
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3. It is expected that the requirements and deadlines will evolve from an iterative process now under way among DCSRDA, Army ACSI, and DIA. As the effort gains momentum we will address it at the Intelligence Community level, with an eye toward institutionalizing the process among all of the services for all major systems programs. 

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